



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Military Order of Foreign Wars Week

WHEREAS, the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States was founded in 1894 in New York City to preserve the history and deeds of those who served in each of the foreign wars since national independence; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars was established in 1900 and now celebrates its 112th year of continuous service; and

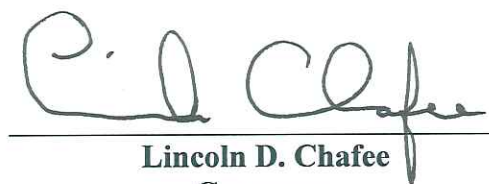
WHEREAS, the Commandery is made up of members who have served in, or during all wars and conflicts up to the present, while promoting military history and traditions; and

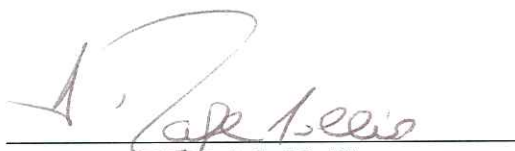
WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commandery has taken the initiative to observe and celebrate Rhode Island Independence Day and has led the way in commemorating the service of Rhode Island's military; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim April 29 - May 5, 2012 as Rhode Island Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars Week and call on all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 10th day of April, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State